

Committee for Citizen Involvement

September 9, 2004 Minutes

In Attendance: Stacy Yost, Bev Froude, Sue Carver
Absent: Basil Christopher
Staff Present: Jim Hendryx and Liz Newton

Minutes from the July 15, 2004 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Candidates' Forum

Liz discussed the Candidates' Forum that will be held on September 30, 2004. She asked if CCI members would be willing to help screen and select the questions that have been submitted or received in advance of the forum. CCI members were asked to select the broadest range of questions/topics. Bev and Sue offered to help.

Enhanced Community Involvement Program

Liz reviewed what the City could do to enhance citizen involvement. She reviewed both the CAP and Community Connector Programs. The group discussed various ideas. How can neighborhoods be empowered to help themselves? Council is scheduled for an update on October 19, 2004. Minimum "standards" were discussed in setting up a neighborhood under this program. Members were receptive to the program outline.

CCI Membership

Jim outlined the background of CCI membership. The Comprehensive Plan sets out the parameters for CCI membership. Bev suggested working with either a neighborhood level program or a program based on Community Connectors. It was suggested that the connectors be used as a bridge until a new neighborhood program is developed. It was mentioned that commercial interests should be included. The group agreed with the Connectors providing the citizen component of the CCI.

Development Proposal – Neighborhood Meeting Process

Jim provided an overview of the development neighborhood meeting process. Bev mentioned all the developments occurring on Bull Mountain. She mentioned how poorly organized the meetings are. Developers don't do a good job and people leave the meetings dissatisfied. She suggested meetings need an outline and a facilitator to run the meetings. Comments need to be recorded and submitted. Also mentioned the need for City staff to be there to balance the issue. Facilitator balances issues and directs follow-up process. Where does the citizen go next if they have issues.

The CCI group recommended the need to look at the packet for neighborhood meetings to check wordage. Having paid facilitators attending the neighborhood meetings was also recommended.

Other Business

None